

**Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC)
Summary of Minutes - Regular Public Meeting**

Tuesday, April 16, 2012

DRAFT – Not Yet Approved by the Commission

PSCC Voting Members Present

- Aaron Sandeen, State CIO and Deputy Director, ADOA-ASET (PSCC Chairman Designee)
- David Azuelo, Captain Tucson Police Department
- Glen Brown, Fire Chief Mayer Fire Department
- William David Bunce, Fire Chief Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- Steven Campbell Chief City of El Mirage Police Department
- Doug Chappell, Fire Chief Drexel Heights Fire District (Teleconference)
- Gilbert Orrantia, Director Arizona Department of Homeland Security
- Mike Worrell, Captain Phoenix Fire Department

PSCC Voting Members Absent

- Thomas Alinen, Deputy Chief of Police Sierra Vista Police Department
- Patrick Hancock, Chief Snowflake Fire
- Patrick Quinn, Deputy Chief Tucson Fire Department
- Jeffrey Raynor, Lt. Colonel Department of Public Safety
- Bryan Savage Fire Chief Lakeside Fire Department
- Dewayne Woodie, Fire Chief Ganado Fire District/EMS

Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office Attendees:

- Lisa Meyerson, Arizona Statewide Interoperability Coordinator & Manager, Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office
- Justin Turner, Deputy Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
- Suesan Nordman, Project Manager
- Karen Allen, Project Manager
- Glade Jarman, Project Manager
- Dr. Michael Britt, Project Manager
- Kyle Stephens, Project Coordinator

23 interested parties and members of the public were also present either in person or on the web conference.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Aaron Sandeen, State CIO and Deputy Director, ASET, ADOA (PSCC Chairman Designee)

Information Item

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by PSCC Chairman Designee Aaron Sandeen. Chairman Sandeen announced the recent changes to the Commission, introduced new members and thanked those leaving for their service. Roll call was then taken by Mr. Justin Turner, Deputy Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, and a quorum of the PSCC was declared present as noted above.

Approval of Previous PSCC Meeting Minutes

Aaron Sandeen, State CIO and Deputy Director, ASET, ADOA (PSCC Chairman Designee)

Action Item

Chairman Sandeen then asked for comments on meeting minutes for:

- September 18, 2012
- November 13, 2012
- March 5, 2013

Hearing no questions or comments, Chairman Sandeen asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes as presented. Chief Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Gilbert Orrantia seconded the motion, and Chairman Sandeen called for a vote to approve the minutes. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Texas Public Safety Broadband Program

Presenter: Mike Barney, Technical Services Coordinator and Chief Engineer, Texas Department of Public Safety

Information & Discussion Item

Chairman Sandeen introduced Mike Barney from the Texas Department of Public Safety, who proceeded to give a presentation on the Texas Public Safety Broadband Program. Mr. Barney discussed Texas' roadmap to integrating LTE into public safety. Mr. Barney then gave an update on the status of Texas' public safety broadband and their presentation to the FirstNet Board in January 2013. Finally Mr. Barney gave a technical overview of the system and answered questions posed to him by the Commission.

Department of Justice Southwest Border Radio System

Presenter: Richard Stoddard, Telecommunications Manager, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Information & Discussion Item

Mr. Stoddard provided an update to the Commission regarding added capacity to Department of Justice (DOJ) radio systems along the southwest border. This capacity increases the interoperability between agencies as well as allowing each agency to maintain an agency only frequency. Mr. Stoddard talked about the interoperable communications between State, local and Tribal partners using VHF, UHF and 800 MHz radios and capabilities. Mr. Stoddard then answered questions posed to him by the Commission.

Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Update

Presenter: Kevin Rogers, Manager, Wireless Systems Bureau, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Information & Discussion Item

Mr. Kevin Rogers of the Arizona Department of Public Safety addressed the Commission explaining some of the functions of the Wireless Systems Bureau of DPS. The mission of the Bureau is to provide design, coordination, construction and maintenance services for statewide radio, voice and data telecommunication systems for the State of Arizona. The Wireless Bureau's goals are to modernize obsolete radio, voice and data communication systems for DPS and other public safety agencies in Arizona, as well as to support the development of a statewide interoperable public safety radio system and provide efficient, cost effective telecommunications services to DPS and public safety agencies.

Mr. Rogers discussed the Microwave Replacement project started a number of years ago to move from analog to digital. The Department of Public Safety owns and operates a statewide microwave communications network which primarily supports voice and data communications for all State agencies and also supports Federal, County, Local and Tribal agencies. The network provides three main services:

- Radio Communications Backhaul
- Remote Management of Radio Communications Equipment
- Telephone and ACJIS Services

Mr. Rogers proceeded to give an update on the progress of moving the state's DPS microwave paths from analog to digital.

Mr. Rogers also updated the Commission regarding the 700 MHz Digital System build out and coverage, stating that several agencies have cooperated to make this project move along to success. Achievements include:

- DPS interoperable with Yuma County Sheriff's Office and Yuma Police Department.
- ADOT operability in Phoenix, Yuma, Tucson and Safford Districts.
- ADOT and DPS interoperable in the Phoenix Area.
- First FCC build out deadline met.
- DPS Criminal Investigations can now operate on 700/800, UHF and VHF channels with Advanced Encryption.
- ADOT Enforcement Compliance Division operates multi-ban mobiles and portables for improved interoperability.
- DPS motors being issued dual band portables.
- There are currently 4224 units on the system: YRCS - 2136, ADOT - 1374, DPS - 714.

Mr. Rogers then concluded by taking questions from the Commission.

2013 Wildfire Communications Briefing

*Presenter: Dale Brown, State Communications Officer, Arizona State Forestry Division
Information & Discussion Item*

Mr. Dale Brown of the Arizona State Forestry Division addressed the Commission updating them on the State's Wildland Fire Communications. Mr. Brown explained that they were a cabinet level agency from the Governor's office formerly known as State Fire or State Lands. Arizona State Forestry Division is responsible for wildland protection of over 22 million acres of State and Unincorporated Private Lands within Arizona.

Mr. Brown explained the capabilities of the Arizona State Forestry radio system and presented the sites throughout the state. Mr. Brown stated that although it is smaller than other systems, it does work well and with help from the DPS microwave backbone, it is a very good system.

Mr. Brown then gave a statewide general fire season forecast for 2013, stating that similar to last year's fire season, the concern for higher wildfire potential will generally be above our 3000 foot elevations. The bottom line is that many areas show a moderate increase in fire potential this year as compared to the last few years due to an increase in annual grass production.

Finally, Mr. Brown discussed interoperability challenges and interagency partners for dealing with wildland fires. Mr. Brown stated that AIRS suites and VTACS are an invaluable asset for interagency interoperability needs on interagency wildland fire incidents.

Mr. Brown then took questions from the Commission.

Lessons Learned: 2013 Arizona Communications Unit Training Field Day

*Presenter: Suesan Nordman, PSIC Project Manager
Information & Discussion Item*

Ms. Suesan Nordman, Project Manager in the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office was prepared to give a presentation on lessons learned from the 2013 Arizona Communications Unit Training

Field Day. However, due to a lack of time, Ms. Nordman was asked if she could return and present at the next meeting, to which she graciously agreed.

PSIC Office – Multiple Project Updates

Presenter: Justin Turner, Deputy SWIC, PSIC Office, ADOA-ASET

Presenter: Lisa Dee Meyerson, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator & Manager, PSIC Office, ADOS-ASET

Information & Discussion Item

Mr. Justin Turner was also asked to postpone his presentation until the next meeting.

Call to the Public

Due to time constraints, no comments were solicited from the public.

Adjournment

Chairman Sandeen adjourned the meeting at 3:09 PM.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-341-01(B), minutes of the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission are recorded by tape recorder. Taped minutes are maintained in the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office at the Arizona Department of Administration. Public access and review of PSIC minutes are available by appointment Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Please contact the PSIC office at 602-364-4498 to arrange for an audio of the tape-recorded proceedings.